THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF STATISTICS AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION (SHRI VIJAY GOEL): (a) to (e) There are 275 on-going Central Sector projects each costing Rs. 100 crore or more, on the monitor of the Ministry of Statistics & Programme Implementation. The estimated cost of completion of these projects as on 1.10.2002 was Rs. 1,95.723 crore, showing an increase of 23.4% over the original approved cost. As on 31.3.2002, the total expenditure on these projects amounts to Rs. 58,869 crore.

Fiscal incentives for central projects

1040. SHRI K. RAMA MOHANA RAO:
SHRI RAMA MUNI REDDY SIRIGIREDDY:

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether in a bid to speed up implementation of the central projects with an investment of Rs. 20 crores or more, his Ministry is planning to introduce fiscal incentives;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether his Ministry has identified any projects for this purpose; and

(d) if so, the details of the projects and the Ministries under whose purview they fall?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTER OF STATISTICS AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION (SHRI VIJAY GOEL): (a) No, Sir.

(b) to (d) The question do not arise.